

CHALICE
8 December 1959

MEMORANDUM TO: Acting Chief, DPD-DD/P

SUBJECT: Activities Report for Operations Branch -
30 November Thru 6 December 1959

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1. CHALICE Section

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a. Maintain weather alert for Operation [redacted] Adverse weather precluded any alert during this period.

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b. Due to Operation [redacted] the ferry operation to exchange #355 for #349 [redacted] slipped until the week of 13 December.

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c. Successfully completed Operation [redacted] Mission launched [redacted] 6 December. Landed [redacted] 6 December. Total time away from [redacted] staging party was [redacted] Take from this mission scheduled to arrive McGuire AFB 1100 8 December for immediate onward transport to UK.

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d. Presented CHALICE operational briefing to [redacted] to bring him up to date on recent CHALICE accomplishments and latest Ops planning.

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e. Presented CHALICE operational briefing to [redacted] who is to be [redacted]

f. Pending actions

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(1) Operation [redacted] continuing daily alerts.

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(2) Final preparation for ferry operation.

2. CORONA Section

a. Routine activities.

b. Pending actions

(1) Subject: Next CORONA operation

Date: Not earlier than 12 January

3. Intelligence Section

a. Attended conferences at [redacted], OSI and the Pentagon 25X1 to discuss enemy air defenses, including radar detection, SAM and guidance systems and high and low altitude capabilities to intercept. Results showed that there has been an across-the-board increase in capabilities to detect and intercept.

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25X1A b. Contacted the Navy to determine the established schedule for Project [redacted] presently scheduled [redacted] January 1959. 25X1A

25X1A c. Worked with PP/PMD regarding updating material for E & E. 25X1A

25X1A d. Attended a conference called by Mr. Reber regarding [redacted] 25X1A

25X1A e. Arranged with PIC to provide material for CINCPAC briefing. 25X1

25X1A f. Accomplished required liaison for Mission [redacted] 25X1

25X1A g. Specific E & E items requested by [redacted] have been forwarded. 25X1

25X1A flights. h. Prepared briefing aids relative to [redacted] and other Air Support 25X1

25X1A i. Actions Pending—none other than as indicated above. 25X1

4. Operations Requirements Section

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25X1A b. As result difficulty PIC has experienced in preparing photo mosaics of typhoon coverage using B camera, action was taken to re-equip [redacted] with the A-1 configuration (6-inch cameras). 25X1

25X1A c. An SOP for camera operation was forwarded to both detachments, Hycon, and Edwards for comment. This SOP will replace many of the items commonly included in Ops Orders. Return date for comments 20 January. 25X1

25X1A d. A proposal from Hycon on a DZ Homer Beacon has been received and is being evaluated. 25X1

25X1A e. Ops Policy Letters regarding various CHALICE photographic subjects have been brought up to date and will soon be re-issued. 25X1

25X1A f. Action has been taken to provide following items requested by [redacted] 25X1A

25X1A by [redacted] action has been taken to provide following items requested

- (1) Revision or updating of the existing maps of Tibet.
- (2) Small portable 70 mm viewer for staging.
- (3) Collapsible dolly for the B camera for staging.

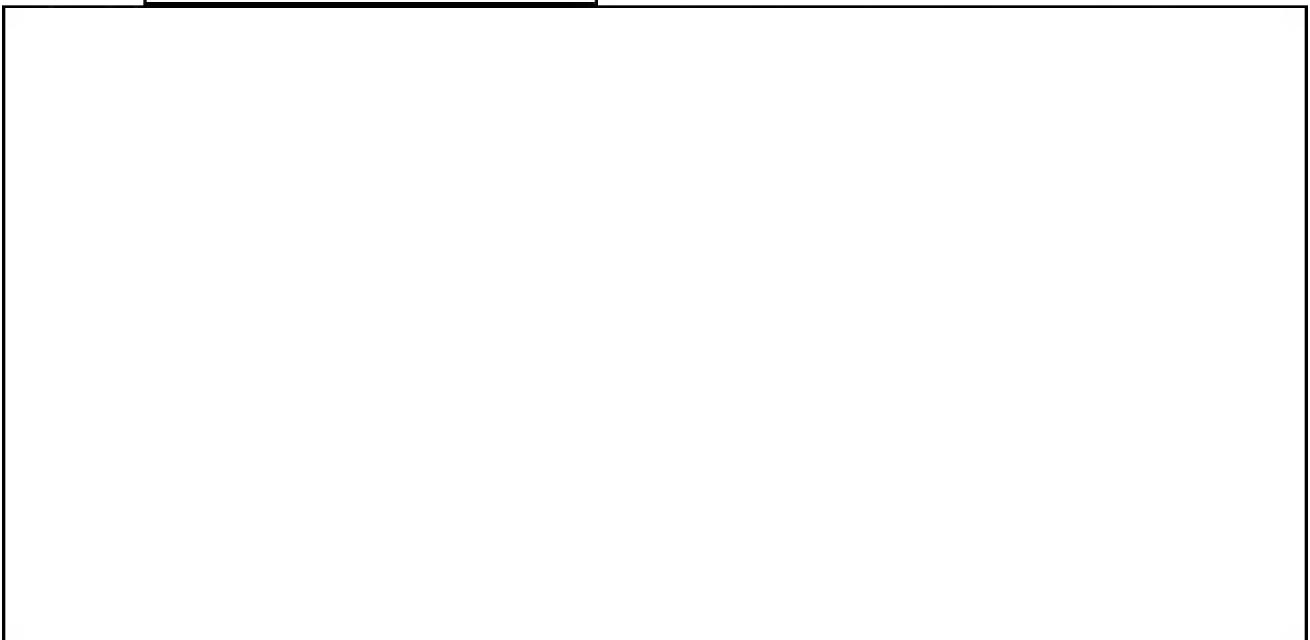
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g. [redacted] visited Rylin to commence
testing program on new [redacted] and to get [redacted]
started on check-out of electronic system. [redacted] returned to Hqs on
3 December. [redacted] remained. Test was flown on 1 December to check
out the [redacted]

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m. Pending actions as indicated above.

5. Communications Section

a. Successful communications support for Operation [redacted] 25X1A
at both the main and advanced bases was rendered.

b. TWX service to Fairchild is programmed for activation early
January.

c. TWX service to ITEK is due for activation late January.

d. [redacted] activities continuing and being recorded separately.

e. Pending actions - None.

6. Air Support Section

a. Disseminated revised instructions for December [redacted] and
operations. [redacted]

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b. [redacted]

for remainder of December have been delayed

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until [redacted] requirements can be determined. A meeting on this is being held 7 thru 10 December with representatives of PACAF and other intel interests and is being conducted by Mr. Reber.

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c. Arranged with TSS for them to provide E & E clothing and related equipment for [redacted] TSS will supply items in stock. However, if special tailoring required it will cost \$100 per person with the funding a responsibility of DPD.

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d. Arranged for training of 8 National Guard and two USAF officers [redacted] for the normal two weeks air operations course.

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e. Briefed General Erskine and staff on [redacted] missions 25X1A and on forthcoming December [redacted] operations.

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g. [redacted] returned from TUY in the Far East.

h. Actions Pending

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1. Subject: [redacted] Recruiting Letter
Date: 29 October 1959
Actionee: Acting Chief, DPD

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2. Subject: [redacted] Operations Plan
Date: 25 November 1959
Actionee: Chief, Operations Branch, DPD

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3. Subject: Request for [redacted] Replacement
Date: 9 November 1959
Actionee: DPD/Personnel

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